

## 58889 Social Housing Waiting List

How many people are currently on the waiting list for social housing in Edinburgh?

55,804 individuals, made up of 28,847 households.

How many of these are children?

15,220 are under 16 years of age.

What is the average wait for social housing in Edinburgh?

What is the longest wait for social housing in Edinburgh?

Under a Choice based letting system, which requires applicants to bid for suitable available homes, the average time to be housed will be dependent on how active applicants are bidding for available homes, areas/property types they are prepared to consider and the homes that become available that meet a household need. It is important to note the following which determines how an applicant waiting time is calculated:

When an applicant is registered with EdIndex, they are classified as either a 'Starter' or a 'Mover' based on their current housing circumstances.

### Starters

Starters are generally people who do not have their own home:

- Homeless households.
- People in hostel, supported or temporary accommodation.
- People staying care of friends and family.
- New households.
- Private rented sector tenants.

### Movers

Movers are people who do have a home but who wish to move:

- Council tenants (including joint tenants).
- Registered Social Landlords or other social rented sector tenants.
- Owner occupiers.
- Households in tied accommodation.

Waiting time for a Starter is calculated from the date the housing application form is registered. For example, a Starter who is registered with EdIndex for one year will have 365 waiting days and a further day is added for every day they are registered. Starters will have 1 waiting day when they first register with Edindex.

Waiting time for movers is calculated from the date they move into their current home. For example, a Mover who has been in their home for 1 year will have 365 waiting days when they first register with Edindex and a further day is added for every day they are registered.

Because of this, our waiting time varies greatly. The Council's [waiting time guide](#) has more information on this.